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SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would just like to offer this final word in closing. We always hear about the cost of publishing and, of course, the press is fair game to kick around. They kick us around from time to time and sometimes undeservedly, I am sure, but as good as we are, I can't imagine why they would find any fault with us. But I think that we really need to recognize that the Natural Resources Districts are spending over five million dollars, generally, of property tax money in addition to considerable amount of federal money and I would hope...

SPEAKER: One second, Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Doesn't it take 25 votes to cease debate?

SPEAKER: No.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Oh, I am sorry sir.

SPEAKER: A majority of those present and voting.

SENATOR DICKINSON: To cease debate?

SPEAKER: Yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Simpson, you just slipped in my opinion because you are a very good Rules man and that is incorrect.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit, you may continue.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Members of the Legislature, I would hope that we would recognize that we can discuss this issue at great length, we can talk about the cost of publishing but I can show you the records, and if any man in this body wants to look at them, you can find ample evidence that any single District can, in any one month, find the necessary funds to publish the list of expenditures without seriously hampering their operation by simply dipping into the petty cash, the unaccounted for funds. Now I am not critical of the Natural Resources Districts. What I am saying is this, they are spending a lot of money. There are a lot of people that are concerned about it and I would suggest that they do read the reports. They do read the reports and I think that it would be a mistake, if we did not adopt the amendment. I am willing to work with you on Select File to consider other amendments but I would hope that you'd adopt these amendments and we can proceed with the bill.

SPEAKER: All right. The motion is to amend. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed, vote no. It takes 25 votes. Voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Simpson voting aye.

SPEAKER: Have you all voted? The Clerk shall record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the Schmit amendment.

SPEAKER: The amendment is adopted. Next amendment.